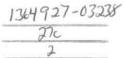
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Appalachian Trail would not be possible without the unique and exemplary service of the USPS. For that, I would like to express sincere appreciation to you and your colleagues at the US Postal Service on behalf of the thousands of long-distance hikers who have utilized the maildrop service over the years.

When considering this essential resupply service, the Glencliff PO is particularly important since it is where a northbound hiker typically sends their cold weather gear as they make the transition from relatively lower elevation hiking in summer, to higher elevation hiking in the fall. From the perspective of a northbound Appalachian Trail long-distance hiker, Glencliff is the true gateway to the White Mountains and the post office is an integral and essential service within the community.

It is also a substantial distance both north and south by Trail to the next post offices, in North Woodstock and Hanover respectively, and utilizing the PO in Warren would require a 10 mile hitchhike from the Trail to resupply. The Glencliff PO can be conveniently accessed as a short walk from the Trail.

In closing and along with the citizens of Glencliff, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy strongly urges the US postal service to keep the Glencliff post office open and to continue to offer this unique service to the Appalachian Trail long distance hiking community.

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